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September 26, 2016

The Honorable Thomas E. Wheeler Chairman, Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Thank you for your letter of July 22, 2016, updating us on the status of the Cesar Chavez Foundation's (CCF) application to renew KUFW (FM)'s broadcast license. As you know, on July 28, 2016, the Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its decision on this matter after nearly three years of deliberation. In that decision, the FCC determined that the CCF was in fact violating federal law and the FCC's rules by broadcasting commercials on KUFW. The Media Bureau imposed a fine of \$12,500 but declined to impose additional remedies such as a compliance plan or short-term renewal grant. While the FCC acknowledges it would normally demand a compliance plan, it refused to do so and instead rewarded the CCF with another station in a brokered exchange.

We believe that the Media Bureau's penalty is inadequate considering the CCF's rule violations and does not send a constructive signal to other law-abiding beneficiaries of FCC licenses. Therefore, we encourage you and your fellow Commissioners to reconsider the Media Bureau's decision.

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Dear Chairman Wheeler,

We would like to express renewed concern following our letter sent September 26, 2016 regarding a matter pending before the Commission. As we mentioned in our previous correspondence, the Cesar Chavez Foundation (CCF) applied to renew KUFW (FM)'s broadcast license. On July 28, 2016, the Media Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its decision on this matter after nearly three years of deliberation. In that decision, the FCC determined that the CCF was violating federal law and the FCC's rules by broadcasting commercials on KUFW. The Media Bureau imposed a fine of \$12,500 but declined to impose additional remedies such as a compliance plan or short-term renewal grant.

This follow up letter is to supplement our prior correspondence since we have recently learned the FCC licensee at issue continues to broadcast commercials, even after the Media Bureau decision. This clearly indicates that CCF did not curtail the breaches of its obligations during the nearly three-year proceeding, and even since it was fined, has continued the activity for which it was meekly sanctioned.

We believe this proves the Media Bureau's actions in this matter were not effective, and much stronger action should be taken. Again, we encourage you and your fellow Commissioners to reconsider the Media Bureau's decision and respectfully request a timely response indicating which further actions you plan to take to hold CCF accountable for continuing to break the law.

Sincerely,

Devin Nunes Member of Congress David G. Valadao Member of Congress



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON

November 17, 2016

The Honorable David G. Valadao U.S. House of Representatives 1004 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Valadao:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern about the adequacy of the Media Bureau's decision regarding the application renewal by the Cesar Chavez Foundation.

An Application for Review has been filed in this proceeding in accordance with Commission rules and process, and the full Commission will make an independent assessment of the Media Bureau's decision on this matter. This issues you raise in your October 13, 2016, letter have been raised during the course of the Application for Review process. Commission staff is actively working on this case and intends to provide recommendations to the full Commission by the end of the calendar year.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. In compliance with our ex parte rules, we are copying the parties with your letter and making it part of the Application for Review record. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Tom Wheele



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